come to a grinding halt. Some difficulties experienced during commissioning of the Fast Breeder Test Reactor have been overcome and the reactor is getting ready for generation of power from the middle of 1991 The reactor is operating at low power for specific experiments. This is only a research reactor, the design of the prototype test reactor is progressing satisfactorily.

Recommendations of Dhanao Committee on NCCBM

1519. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhanao Committee appointed by the Ministry of Industry, Government of India to review working of National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCCBM) has made some recommendations;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and action taken on the basis of that recommendations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have ignored the recommendations made in favour of aggrieved staff; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Committee has inter-alia observed that National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) has created an adequate base for research work relating to the cement industry. The Committee has also observed that while the overall personnel policy and its implementation in National Council for Cement and Building Materials is sound, there are some aberrations and points of dissatisfaction amongst staff and these may be rectified.

The Dhanoa Committee was appointed by the Government pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Governors of NCB and the report has been remitted to the Board of Governors

Budget for producing PGF programmes at Doordarshan, Goa

1520. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what is the amount of budgetary provision at the disposal of Doordarshan Station of Goa to produce P G F. programmes; and

(b) whether it is a fact that cheap and substandard programmes are telecast and most of the artists who perform are not paid any stipend but work voluntarily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A sum of Rs. 12.50 lakhs has been placed at the disposal of Programme Generation Facility Centre, Panaji (Goa) for the financial year 1990-91

(b) No, Sir.

Child marriages in the country

1521. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of child marriages performed in the country in 1989 as compared to the number of child marriages in 1988 and what is the number of such marriages performed since the beginning of 1990;

(b) whether the law prohibiting child marriages has failed to check such marriages;

(c) what other measures have been taken by Government to tackle the socio, economic and psychological factors fostering the practice of child marriages by involving social organisations, and

(d) whether Government propose to review the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 to plug the loopholes in its implementation and to make it more stringent to curb child marriages in the country?